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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT REINSTATES PREVENTIATIVE DETENTION AND
RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT

REF: GEORGETOWN 1170

1. IN AUGUST 7TH SESSION, GUYANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY REINSTATED PROVISIONS OF 1966 NATIONAL SECURITY ACT ON PREVENTATIVE DETENTION AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT WHICH HAD LAPSED IN 1971. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PTOLEMY REID IN SPEECH TO ASSEMBLY REFERRED TO RECENT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE CAMPAIGN BY OPPOSITION PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY (REFTEL) AND SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO REMOVE "DISEASED PERSONS" TO PLACE "WHERE THEY CAN RETURN TO SANITY." LONE OPPOSITION MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY, MARCELLUS FEILDEN-SINGH, OPPOSED BILL AND CALLED IT UNNECESSARY IN CURRENT SITUATION.

2. NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1966 WAS APPROVED FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF 1964-66 STATE OF EMERGENCY AND WAS IN EFFECT
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FROM JANUARY 1967 TO JUNE 1971. MAJOR PROVISIONS REINSTATED

BY ASSEMBLY PROVIDE:

A. MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY (PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM)
MAY DETAIN ANY PERSON FOR THREE MONTH PERIOD. WITHIN
SEVEN DAYS OF DETENTION MINISTER REQUIRED TO JUSTIFY HIS
ACTION TO SPECIAL THREE MAN TRIBUNAL SELECTED FROM JUDICIARY.
EXTENSION OF DETENTION BEYOND THREE MONTH PERIOD MUST BE
APPROVED BY TRIBUNAL.

B. MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY MAY RESTRICT TRAVEL OF
PERSONS TO ANY PART OF GUYANA OR REQUIRE THAT PERSONS
KEEP HIM INFORMED OF THEIR MOVEMENT IN GUYANA.

ACT IN EFFECT ONE YEAR AND IS RENEWABLE BY PARLIAMENTARY
APPROVAL.

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